

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled: **MOMENTUM LOCKOUT DETENTED-DAMPENED HINGE**, the specification of which

/ / is attached hereto.

/ / was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as a United States application or PCT  
International application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_; and

/ / was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the examination of this application or to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or Section 356(c) of any PCT International application designating the United

States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the examination of this application or to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status)</u> (patent, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional listed below:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
<u>60/395,536</u>	<u>7/12/03</u>

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code

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and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Fabrice Vitry**, a citizen of France, residing at Flat 1, 63 Park Avenue, Worchester, WR3 7AJ, UNITED KINGDOM, (hereinafter referred to as the undersigned), have invented an improvement titled: **MOMENTUM LOCKOUT DETENTED-DAMPENED HINGE**, for which a U.S. Patent Application is attached thereto, or if this document is executed after the filing date, for which a U.S. Patent Application, serial number \_\_\_\_\_, was filed in the US Patent Office on \_\_\_\_\_, and

WHEREAS, **Southco, Inc.**, a corporation of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 210 North Brinton Lake Road, Concordville, Pennsylvania 19331 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of the obligations of the employment of the undersigned with the assignee and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by the undersigned, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignee's successors, assigns, and legal representatives the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, said patent application, any application filed on said invention, any application claiming priority of said patent application, and all divisions and continuations of such applications, and in all letters patent including all reissues thereof, issuing for said invention.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the undersigned are free and clear of any encumbrance.

In the event this document is executed after the date the U.S. Patent Application is filed, assignee hereby authorizes his attorneys, Paul & Paul, 2900

Two Thousand Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19103, USA, and any attorney of that firm, to fill in the serial number and filing date above.

EXECUTED on: \_\_\_\_\_ 2003, at: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date) (city, state)

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
(signature) (Fabrice Vitry)